

# BADSEY, ALDINGTON and WICKHAMFORD PARISH REVIEW

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## CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BADSEY.

### SUNDAY SERVICES :

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also at 11.40 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday)

11 a.m.—Sung Eucharist (Second Sunday and Festivals)

Matins (First, Fourth and Fifth Sundays)

6.45 p.m.—Evensong

Holy Baptism—Third Sunday, 3 p.m. (Parents must see the Vicar personally at least seven days before).

WEEK-DAY SERVICES. According to notice.

Churchwardens : ... Mr. G. A. Jones. Tel. Badsey 333

Mr. G. H. Stewart. Tel. Badsey 219

Secretary P.C.C. : ... Mr. H. L. Hatcher

Treasurer P.C.C. : ... Mr. M. H. Harvey. Tel. Badsey 325

Clerk : ... Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.

## CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, WICKHAMFORD.

### SUNDAY SERVICES :

9 a.m.—First Sunday : Holy Communion (9-15 a.m. Festivals)

11 a.m.—Family Service (Third Sunday)

11.40 a.m.—Holy Communion (Third Sunday)

5-30 p.m.—Evensong

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Churchwardens : ... Mr. E. Cooke. Tel. Badsey 237

Mr. J. E. Parry. Tel. Badsey 244

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Clerk : ... Mr. C. H. Willis, 3 Sandys Avenue.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear People,

Onward, Christian soldiers!

This will be the marching song of a procession of Christ's followers of all ages in a demonstration on Good Friday.

Where is this public demonstration? Trafalgar Square?

No. The streets of Badsey.

There will be seen, as in the procession to Calvary on the first Good Friday, "the cross of Jesus going on before". A rough hewn cross, ten feet high, such as our Master carried and died upon, will be borne at the head of this procession by three men—an Anglican, a Methodist and a member of Badsey Chapel (Friends). This will be a visual demonstration of our oneness in Christ.

At 6-0 p.m. the procession will leave the parish church by the lych-gate, and go along Chapel Street and round by School Lane into High Street, then up to the Pike. On the piece of ground in front of the Remembrance Hall the cross will be set up, and we shall gather round it and hold a short service lasting 15 to 20 minutes. If it is wet, the service will be held inside the Hall.

On this day, so sacred to all Christian people, we who meet in different places of worship at other times and have inherited different traditions, will stand together at the foot of the Cross and proclaim the universal Saviour. Jesus said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me".

Will you be there? Most of you were marked with the cross in Baptism, that you should "not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified". It is not a very hard thing you are being asked to do—to join with your fellow-Christians in that procession; or, if you do not feel yourself to be a fully-committed Christian, just to be at the service.

Those who will join in the procession are asked to be at the church not later than 5-50. We shall pray together before we start out.

The arrangement of this special service will necessitate a few alterations to our usual Good Friday programme. Badsey children's service will be at 10-0 as usual. At Wickhamford there will be no evening service, but there will be a simple service for adults and children at 10-45 a.m. (It cannot be later, because I have to be at All Saints, Evesham at 12-0 to conduct the 3 Hours' Service). There will be the usual one hour's "Watch by the Cross" at Badsey from 2-0 to 3-0., conducted this year by the Rev. D. T. Russell, Vicar of the Littletons.

On Easter Day, as there will be Holy Baptism at Badsey, there will not be a service for children at Wickhamford in the afternoon. Parents are

encouraged to bring their children to Evensong at 5-30. Badsey children likewise will have no special service, but should come to the Sung Eucharist at 11-0 or to Evensong.

The course of sermons at Evensong on the Creed finishes on Easter Day. From Low Sunday until Trinity Sunday there will be a course on the Sacraments.

I hope that all will use the great opportunities of Passiontide and Easter to draw nearer to our blessed Lord, and to dedicate their lives afresh to His service.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

PETER BRABY.

### SPRING FAIR—Saturday, April 9th.

This is being held in aid of the Evesham Deanery Moral Welfare Association at the Walker Hall, Evesham, beginning at 10-30 a.m.

In our Deanery we are going to have our own Worker, and must now raise £300 a year towards her maintenance and expenses. This is double the amount we have raised in the past. Full support is therefore asked from all who care that this vitally important Christian work should be continued, and expanded to meet the growing needs.

The Fair will be opened at 10-30 by Mrs. T. Bowstead Wilson, wife of the Archdeacon of Worcester. Our new Worker, Miss Walker, will be there. Badsey and Wickhamford are running a cake stall, and cakes will be welcome for this. They may be brought to the Vicarage on Friday, or to the Walker Hall on Saturday morning not later than 10-15.

Other stalls include groceries, aprons, household goods, bottled goods, 1/- mystery parcels. Refreshments will be served all day.

### A HOLIDAY—WITH GOD

Those who will have been to the Quiet Afternoon will have had their appetites whetted for the real thing—a full weekend retreat. Others who missed the Quiet Afternoon will like to take advantage of this further opportunity for drawing apart to listen to God. A Retreat for men and women of Evesham Rural Deanery has been arranged at the Old House, Crophorne, for the week-end May 27th-29th. More information will be given in the May number, but bookings may be made now, through the Vicar, who will gladly tell you more about it.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

#### Church Services

#### APRIL

- 2nd, Sat. 2-45—6-0 Quiet afternoon at Harvington Parish Church.
- 3rd, Lent V. (Passion Sunday). As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.
- 5th, Tues. 4-10 p.m. Children's Service.
- 6th, Wed. 10-0 H.C. 7-30 p.m. Prayer and Study Meeting in Parish Room.

10th. **Palm Sunday.** (B.S.T. begins) 8-0 H.C. 10-0 Sun. Sch. 11-0 Blessing and Distribution of Palms, Procession & Sung Eucharist. 6-45 E. & Sermon.

### HOLY WEEK

**Holy Communion** : Mon. & Tues. 10 a.m. ; Wed. 6-30 a.m. ;  
**Mauudy Thursday 10 a.m.**

Evensong & Devotional Reading : Mon. & Tues. 7-30 p.m.  
M.U. Admission Service & Devotional Address : Tues. 2-30.  
Prayer and Study Meeting in Parish Room, Wed. 7-30 p.m.  
Choir Practice : Thurs. 7-0 p.m.

The Vicar will be available in church for any who seek "the benefit of absolution, together with spiritual counsel and advice", on Mon. and Tues. 8-15 p.m., Wed. 7-0 p.m., Holy Sat. 7-0 p.m.

The collections during Holy Week (incl. Good Friday) will be for Overseas Missions.

15th. **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10-0 Children's Service. 2-0—3-0 The Watch by the Cross : Rev. D. T. Russell, M.A., Vicar of the Littletons. 6-0 p.m. United Procession of Witness, starting from the Parish Church, and Open-Air Service outside the Remembrance Hall (in the Hall, if wet).

17th. **EASTER DAY. 7 & 8 a.m. Holy Communion.** No Sun. Sch. 11-0 Sung Eucharist & Sermon. 3-0 Holy Baptism. 6-45 Evensong & Sermon. "*And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one*". *Book of Common Prayer.*

20th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.

24th. **Easter I (Low Sunday).** As usual for 4th Sun.

25th, Mon. **St. Mark, Evangelist.** H.C. for this feast on Wed.

27th, Wed. 10-0 Holy Communion.

### MAY

1st, **Easter II. SS. Philip & James, Apostles.** As usual for 1st Sun. 11-0 Family Service.

**P.C.C.** Wed., 27th April, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m.

**Flowers for Easter.** On the last two Sundays before Easter there will be a bowl on the table in the church for donations towards flowers for decorating the church. Flowers make a fitting memorial for some departed soul. If your gift is in actual flowers, bring them to church on Holy Saturday before 10-0 a.m., at which time help with the decorating will also be welcome. Money should be given not later than Palm Sunday.

**War Memorial Flowers.** April 17th, Mrs. J. Barnard; 24th, Mrs. Dungworth.

### Servers for April

April 3rd, 8-0 T. Hatcher ; 11-0 P. Bott ; 6-45 B. Caswell.  
10th, 8-0 R. Harvey ; 11-0 H. Wheatley (server), D. Barrand, (crucifer) ; 6-45 C. Harwood. 17th, (Easter), 7-0 H. Wheatley ; 8-0 B. Caswell ; 11-0 C. Freeman (server), H. Wheatley (crucifer) ; 6-45 D. Barrand. 24th, 8-0 M. Betteridge ; 11-0 T. Hatcher ; 6-45 H. Wheatley.

**Mothers' Union.** The programme for the month is as follows :—

April 4th Committee Meeting, 2-30.  
" 6th Corporate Communion, 10 a.m.  
" 12th Admission Service in Church, 2-30.  
" 26th Branch Meeting, 7-45 p.m.

Miss I. Allen will give an address at our service in Holy Week. Members are reminded of the first evening meeting on April 26th. E.G.B.

**Young Communicants' Guild.** Next meeting, Wed., April 20th, Parish Room, 7-30 p.m. "Any Questions?"

### Holy Matrimony

Feb. 13th Ernest John Turner, of Sheldon, and Gretta Cole, of Aldington.  
" 20th Derek Wilson Surman, of Naunton Beauchamp, and Judith Ann Knight, of Badsey.

### Burials. R.I.P.

Feb. 17th William Albert Bedenham, of Aldington, aged 71.

" 19th Arthur Edward Davies, aged 73.

" 24th Martha Catherine Morris, aged 78.

There were sadness and joy in one day in Aldington, when Mr. Bedenham died suddenly a short while before Gretta Cole's wedding. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Bedenham, and also to Mrs. Davies and her daughter Sister Davies, our District Nurse, at the death of Mr. A. E. Davies. Mr. Davies was a faithful communicant ; he had been ill for a long time, and we thank God for his release from earthly suffering.

Mrs. M. C. (Patsy) Morris will be greatly missed, not least by the many children who used to be made welcome by Auntie Pat at her beautifully kept cottage opposite the church. She too was a devout communicant, and will always be remembered for her great services to Badsey School, of which she was at one time Deputy Head. She was widowed in the Great War. With her serene and sunny disposition, it was always a real tonic to meet her, especially if one was in low spirits. She did not burden others with her own pains and troubles, but always entered deeply into the joys and sorrows of other people. She had the gift of inspiring others with her own love of all things bright and beautiful, especially birds and flowers and, above all, children. May she come to the unalloyed brightness of the Beatific Vision.

**The Sick.** We are glad to hear that Mr. Harry Stewart's treatment is proving beneficial, and hope to have him home with us again very soon. Mrs. Archie Reed has undergone an operation but is making a good recovery. In the same ward are now Mrs. Ralph Taylor, Mrs. George Tucker, and Jean Knight. Mr. Harry Field has returned from hospital after an operation, and Mr. P. J. Danks is making a steady recovery at home. Mrs. Tony Brazier is again in hospital. Mr. Albert Crane is very poorly. Mrs. F. Barnard has one leg crippled with a bone disease, and is facing it with great courage. We are sorry that two active men have been laid low with arthritis—Mr. W. G. Harwood and Mr. Fred Wheatley. Mr. Tony Lewis has at last been able to return to work. Pray for these and all other sick folk.

**Communicants.** Week beginning Jan. 17th, 30 ; 24th, 34 ; 31st, 55 ; Feb. 7th, 35 ; 14th, 56 ; 21st, 23 ; 28th, (incl. Ash Wed.) 75 ; March 6th, 33 ; 13th, 61.

**Collections.** Jan. 24th, £7-5-7 ; 31st, £7-18-8 ; Feb. 7th, £9-11-3 ; 14th, £7-6-9 ; 21st, £4-13-0 ; 28th, £7-8-8 ; March 2nd, (Ash Wed.), £1-15-9 ; 6th, £5-2-11 ; 13th, £5-11-7.

### Birthday Half-crowns

Mrs. F. Betteridge, Mr. C. A. Binyon (86th), Mrs. Brailsford (81st), Mrs. H. E. T. Byrd, Mrs. Hutchings, Peter Barry Jones, M.E.N., Norbert Tucker, Christopher Tucker, in memoriam Arthur Leslie Byrd, E. Dickinson.

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8th, Fri. 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

10th. **Palm Sunday.** 3-0 Children's Service (with Blessing of Palms). 5-30 E. & Sermon.

14th. **Mauudy Thursday.** 7-30 a.m. Holy Communion.

15th. **GOOD FRIDAY.** 10-45 Shortened Mattins.

17th. **EASTER DAY. 9-15 a.m. Holy Communion** (with hymns). 5-30 p.m. Evensong & Sermon. "*And note that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one*".—*Book of Common Prayer.*

24th. **Easter I.** As usual for 4th Sun.

**Easter Lilies.** On the two Sundays before Easter there will be a plate on the table in the church for donations towards Easter lilies for the altar, to be given in memory of departed souls.

**Mothers' Union.** The speaker on April 6th will be Miss I. Allen. Tea will be served by Mrs. Walters. This will be the only meeting this month.

Members are asked to contribute cakes for our stall at the Moral Welfare Spring Fair on Sat., April 9th in the Walker Hall from 10-30 a.m.

### **Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Meeting 24th February, 1960.**

In the Vestry Meeting, Mr. E. Cooke was re-elected Vicar's Warden and Mr. J. E. Parry People's Warden. The Vicar said the parish was fortunate in having as its chief officers, two such men who really did love their church.

In the A.P.C.M. Mrs. E. Cooke (Hon. Sec.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 149 names. In her report on the proceedings of the P.C.C., she mentioned the Parish socials and the joint reception with Badsey P.C.C. after the Confirmation. Mrs. T. H. Collett (Hon. Treas.) presented the accounts for 1959, showing balances of £124 in the General Fund and £266 in the Fabric Fund. 26 per cent. of the year's expenditure was given to objects outside the parish.

Mr. Cooke, reporting on the fabric of the church, stated that although no serious structural defects were apparent,

an architect's inspection would be necessary this year, as the last was in 1955.

The Vicar, after acknowledging the good work done by church officers and workers in the past year, gave his report. It had been another year of advance. Communicants, which had showed a record figure of 693 in 1958, had increased further in 1959 to 763. Eleven candidates had been confirmed and most of the younger ones were still regular at Communion: they had the encouragement of communicant parents.

Miss A. L. Cox reported on the work of the Sunday School, and Mr. Parry on the new heating system which is to be installed in the church.

Elections took place as follows:—

**Diocesan Conference :** Mrs. E. Cooke.

**Ruridecanal Conference :** Mrs. L. E. Poulter, Miss A. L. Cox, Miss M. Willis.

**P.C.C. :** Messrs. W. A. Johnson, D. T. Peet, H. O. Pilkington, J. Poulter, C. H. Willis, Mesdames Collett, Hancock, Parry and Pilkington.

**Sidesmen ;** Messrs. R. Harman, J. Newbury, H. Pilkington, J. Poulter, E. Sturt, C. Willis.

**Hon. Auditor :** Mr. W. Tullett.

At a meeting of the P.C.C. which followed, the previous officers were re-elected.

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**Notice to Members :—Monthly Lodges :** Second Wednesday in month, "Auburn Villa" 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.